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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Thomas R. Cech et al.

Serial No.: 08/912,951

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For: HUMAN TELOMERASE  
CATALYTIC SUBUNIT:  
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Sir:

Applicants respectfully request accelerated examination of the above-captioned application pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). Pursuant to M.P.E.P. § 708.02 VIII, Applicants have submitted the following herewith:

- 1) Statement regarding pre-examination search, including appendices;
- 2) Information Disclosure Statement and PTO Form-1449, including copies of the most closely related references cited therein (the remaining cited references were provided in U.S. Application Serial No. 08/724,643, filed October 1, 1996, a prior application to which the above-referenced application claims priority);
- 3) A detailed discussion of the most closely related references, distinguishing the claimed subject matter from the most relevant references cited in the Information Disclosure Statement.

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(i), please charge the petition fee of \$130.00 to Deposit Account No. 20-1430. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to the above deposit account. This petition is submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,



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